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The objected claim 2 is incorporated to the rejected independent claim 1. In the same manner the objected claim 19 is incorporated to the rejected independent claim 18. Claims 2 and 19 are canceled, accordingly.

The rejected claims 3-10 and 12-16, and the objected claim 11 and 17 respectively remain unchanged as original claims because of their legitimate dependency from the amended independent claim 1. In the same context, the rejected claims 20-27 and 29-32, and the objected claims 28 and 33 are maintained as original claims since they are also legitimately depended from the amended independent claim 18.

No new matters are included in the amended claims, and the amendment does not introduce any limitations to the claims and does not narrow the scope or the breadth of the claims in any way.

CONCLUSION

The applicants believe that claims 1, 3-18 and 20-33 are now in condition for allowance; therefore, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectively requested.

Very truly yours,

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